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NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL CONCLUSIONS.

I.

The ſundry Properties of the *Adamant* STONE.

FIrſt, if any hold the Adamant Stone in his hand, under a Goblet or ſilver Bowl, or under a Table, and that the ſame be moved to and fro in the hand; then in the like manner will the Iron or Needle lying in the Goblet, or on the Table, move to and fro and round about. Alſo the Adamant ſometimes with the one cor-

ner will draw Iron unto it, and with the other corner put the Iron from it. And if any anointeth this Stone with Garlick, it doth then hinder the Stone from drawing any Iron or Needle unto it, although the Needle should be laid on the Stone. And some write that this Stone will also draw Glasse unto it, in like manner as it doth the Iron.

II.

The secret properties of the Egg.

AND first, the round Egg set under the Hen bringeth forth a Hen-Chicken, and the long Egg set under the Hen, bringeth forth a Cock-Chicken. Also the Egg with the shell laid to steep in Vinegar for three dayes space, doth after so soften it, that any may work the same at length like unto Wax. And the same Egg afterward laid in the water, doth come again unto the former state. Also, if an Egg be painted with sundry Colours, and the same set under a Hen to bring forth, she shall hatch a Chicken having such feathers, like unto the colours painted on the Egg. And the Egg laid

laid for three dayes to keep in strong Vinegar, and after for one whole Month laid to dry again in the Sun, shall after (by degrees) come to the hardness of a stone.

III.

A proper Conclusion of an Hasel Stick.

FIrst, take an Hasel Stick of a yard long, being new cut off, and cleave the same just in the middle, giving the one end so cleaved unto thy companion to hold in both his hands, and the other end hold your self in both your hands after such sort, that both the inner parts of the stick may look one right against the other, in the laying down on the ground, and must also be laid asunder unto the breadth of two fingers, in such sort that they may touch together at some one place, by an overthwart manner; and within a while after, you shall see them draw and joyn together again of themselves. And this understand, that the stick must be new cleaved soon after the cutting up of it, for otherwise this stick worketh not the proper effect.

IV.

A proper practice to make a Capon to bring up young Chickens.

FIrſt, to do this, take a Capon and pull the belly bare of Feathers, and after rub the naked place with Nettles, ſetting young Chickens under him, and he will then miraculouſly cherish them, and bring them kindly up. And the rather, if you accuſtom to uſe the Capon the like for a time. For by that means he is moved the willinger to cherish, bring up, and feed, yea and to love them ſo well, as the Hen naturally would do. And the reaſon of this is, in that thorough the pricking of the Nettles, he is thereby the rather deſirous to touch the ſoft down and feathers of the young Chickens ſitting under him.

V.

To make any fowl of what condition ſoever the ſame be, to have feathers all white.

TO do this, take the Eggs and roul them in the juyce of the herb called Mouſe-

Houſe-ear, or in the herb called Houſe-leek, or otherwiſe in Oyl (after the mind of Cardanus) and after put the Eggs again in the neſt, and after the hatching, their feathers ſhall grow white.

IV.

How to make a Candle burn in the Water.

AND to do this, take Wax, Brimſtone and Vinegar, of each a like quantity; boyl theſe all together over the fire, until the Vinegar appear all conſumed; and then after of that Wax remaining, make a Candle, and you ſhall ſee the proper effect as above is written.

VII.

To make a Woman that ſhe ſhall not eat of the Meats ſet upon the Table.

TO do this, take a little of the green Baſil, and when one bringeth any Diſhes of Meat unto the Table, Then put the ſame Herb ſecretly under one of the Platters or diſhes, that ſhe eſpy it not; and as long as the herb ſo lyeth on the

table, the Woman shall eat nothing of that meat in the Platter or Dish, which covereth the herb.

VIII.

A proper secret of the Philosopher, to make a Stone to burn without fire.

AND to do this, take Calamit, Brimstone, unslaked Lime, Pitch, Ceruse, of each of these, three Drams; of Camphora one Dram; Asphaltum three Drams; all these make in powder, and put the same in a strong Pot, well stopped, and after make a fire under the Pot, encreasing the same by little and little, until the powder in the Pot become so hard as a stone; and when you will have it burn, then rub the same well with a Cloth, and it will burn suddenly: and when you will put the same out, then spit upon it, and after set the same in a moist place, and it will go out.

IX.

To make one to see fearful sights in his sleep.

AND to do this, take the blood of a Lapwing, and therewith anoint the pulses

pules of thy forehead, before thy going to rest, and then after in thy sleep thou shalt see both marvellous and fearful sights, as Vitalis Medicus writeth. Also he writeth, that if a man eateth in the Evening, before his going to Bed, of the herbs named Nightshade, or Mandrake, or Henbane, he shall see in his sleep pleasant sights.

X.

How to turn Water into Wine, a proper secret.

IF thou wilt convert or turn Water into Wine, then fill a brass Pot with the best Wine, setting upon the head of the Pot a Limbeck, and distil the Wine out, and the Lees remaining after the distillation, dry them, and bring them into fine powder, which equally mixed with the water, doth so cause the Water to have both the colour and taste of the same Wine. And the like unto this may be wrought and done in a Rose Limbeck. Also a Loaf of Barley Bread hot drawn out of the Oven, and broken into great peeces hot, and laid so to soake in good

Wine; which peeces when they shall be well soaken in the Wine, let them dry in the Sun, and after soak of that bread in fair water, and it will after receive both the colour and taste of that Wine.

XI.

To make a light or Candle to endure burning without going out by any wind, so long as the substance endureth.

TO do this, make a weeck after thy discretion, which infuse in the Oyl of Hemp-seed, and after into molten Tallow, as you would properly make a weeck or Cotten Candle, letting the same to hang somewhat until it be cold, then light it in the like sort as you do a common Candle, and it will not after go out with any wind, so long as the substance endureth. And in like sort may light be made to serve in the night time, if

if so be that fine linnen raggs be first soaked in the Oyl of Hemp-seed, and after dipped into molten Tallow; which so bound or wrought on a stalks end, to carry about, or otherwise lying on a stalks end in an iron plate.

XII.

How to make quarters of wood to hang so fast together, that they cannot be shaken asunder without breaking: or to lay Knives or Tobacco pipes triangular.

TO make quarters hold and hang together thus without tying, must be done on this wise. First, lay one of the quarters down, as these two letters A. and B. do instruct, on the which lay the other quarter, even as these two letters C. and D. do here represent, and one that C. and D. lay the third quarter, as the letters E and F. do here express, and in such sort, that E. and F. must lye under A. and B. And being then thrust hard together,

ther they cannot fall away without breaking, in that A. and B. is stayed and held of E. and F. and E. and F. of C. and D. and C. and D. holden of A. and B. so that none of them can fall asunder the one from the other. Also that place where B. D. E. is holden or stayed together, and doth the like hold together, as by trial of the same shall more manifestly appear. Also the more and harder they be thrust together, the longer they continue so hanging together. And a-like tryal unto this may be assayed, & proved, either with three sticks made flat for the nonce, or with three knives being alike, or three Tobacco-pipes, if they be orderly used.

XIII.

How to make a colour like to gold, in understanding this secret.

And to do this, take of Aloes Hepatick, and of Salt Niter, of each six ounces; these grind, and perfectly mix together on a smooth Marble, or other hard stone; that being so laboured together they can after be separated by no means, and after to distil the same in a Lim-

Limbeck of glass well luted about, that you may so draw out all the moist substance that will come. And with this you may gild what you list, understanding how to draw this liquor. Also by a shorter way and lesser pain, may you do the like, although not so perfect as the other above-said, which indeed is right marvellous. And now this is on this wise: First, take of Aloes Hepatick three ounces, of Rosen six ounces, and of Oyl of Lin-seed well boyled, a pint and a half, these set over the fire in a Pot, and mingle them well together, after strain the same Liquor through a Linnen cloth, putting it into a pot, which you must stop close, and so keep the same until you have need to gild any thing therewith.

XIV.

To make Silver like any metal, which shall so continue a long time.

TO effect this, take half an ounce of Aqua-fortis, and a scruple of quick-silver, and a little of the Tartar made of the White wine, and a little Salt: These put all together in a Pot or earthen Pan,

Pan working and labouring the same together over hot Embers, which so done, you may after (with this composition) make silver like any metal you list, and to continue so a long time.

XV.

How to stick an Iron or Steel Bodkin into the head of either Cock, Hen, or Chicken.

TO do this, write first these words following, that is to say, Gibel, Got, Gabel, in a Scrole, and bind the same about the Bill of the Cock, Hen, or Chicken, to colour this secret withal; which so done, then pierce the head of the Bird just in the middle as you can guess, with a very sharp pointed Bodkin; and after set the Bird down, and you shall see the Bird so lustily run away from you, as if nothing were sticking in the head, if the Pullet be big, unto the wonder of such as shall see the same. And now the reason of this is, in that the head and brain of the Pullet, is divided into two parts in the bone, and the bone also doubled in the midest, so that the Bodkin may

may easily enter without danger, and of this the brain so pierceth, the Pullet nevertheless liveth, which if the ignorant see, they will perhaps believe, and think that the words only doth the same, which is nothing less.

XVI.

To make a Candle that will not go out, until the whole substance be wasted.

And to do this, take the best Wax and the purest Brimstone, of each a like portion, which take and melt together, and after make a Candle thereof, which being lighted, set the same in a Candlestick to burn. And the same Candle so lighted, will not go out until the whole substance be spent. Thus Cardanus writeth.

XVII.

How to make Iron soft: a proper Secret.

And to do this, take the juyce of the Hemlock, and quench the Iron in it

it, being well beated three or four times; letting it there remain every time until it be throughly cold. Also Cardan writeth, that if you take Oyl, putting into it molten Lead seven times together, to that Oyl, for four or five times together, and it will so make the same soft to work.

XVIII.

To make a Sword, Dagger, or Knife, to cut Iron so easily as Lead.

OF this thing Hermes writeth if a Sword, Dagger or Knife, being only Iron and fashioned, and being red hot, if the same be afterward quenched into the juyce of the Radish, mixed with the Liquor of the fresh worms of the ground, or rather the water of Artely distilled, being before somewhat bruised: such a Sword, Dagger, or Knife, saith he, shall after have such a strange edg, if the same red hot be quenched four or five times in it, that with the same you may cut Iron so easily as if it were Lead. And he writeth, that if Steel be often molten in the

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Fornace, and be purified, untill the same be so white as silver in a manner, and then after of the same fashion, graving Instruments with their edges and points queerly, like as to the Art of graving belongeth, which Instruments being red hot, quencht after into the juyce of Radish, and the distilled water of the wormes of the earth, mixed together: Or else with the water of the wormes, drawn through a clean linnen Cloth; so that there be so much of this water, as of the juyce of the Radish, and then those Instruments quencht four or five times, in the abode said Liquor; And after will the edges and points of the Instruments be so hard, that you may cut and grave in any Stone and Iron, so easily as the same were Lead.

XIX.

How to keep weapons clean and fair for a long time.

And to do this, take Barrows grease, common Oyl, new wax, Cerusse, of each a like, these temper together very well over a soft fire, until they be throughly

ly incorporated, and after you have so done, anoint the burnished weapon with this Ointment, and it shall so continue in the same brightness, In secula seculorum. And there cannot be a greater Secret inverted, for the keeping bright of Weapons then this is, if these words be well understood.

XX.

A very excellent and easie Conclusion, how to make steel soft as paste.

DO thus: take the gall of an Ox, Hans Urine, Verjuice, and the juyce of the Nettle, of each of these take a little quantity, and mix them very diligently together; then after quench the Steel red hot in this liquor, four or five times together, and it will after become so soft as paste: and this is a right proper and necessary secret to be understood of all such Workmen as do any matters in Steel, as graving and such like, if these words be well marked.

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XXII.

An experienced Conceit, how to make Hens lay Eggs all Winter thorow.

TO do this, take the tops of the Nettles, when they begin to come unto seed, and dry them: which so dried, give a little of the same, with Wheat and Hempseed mingled together, to your Hens, and they shall every day after lay you an Egg apiece.

XXIII.

A rare and strange Device, how to make thy Chamber appear full of Snakes and Adders.

TO do this, kill a Snake, putting the same into a pan with Wax, and let it so long boyl, until the same be thorow tried; and of that Wax make a Candle, lighting the same in the Chamber; and within a while after shall appear as though there were a thousand creeping in the Chamber.

XXIII.

How to make Letters appear of the colour of Gold, Copper, or Silver.

And to do this, take very clear Crystal, and work the same into marvellous fine powder, as Marble Stone, and after mix the same powder with the white of an Egg, until this be so prepared to write with: and after with this confection write what letters you will, letting the same dry: afterwards rub a Gold Ring, or any piece of Gold on the same letters, and all the letters shall appear like Gold. And in the like sort may you make the Letters appear like Silver or Copper.

XXIV.

How to make any piece of Iron to appear like Gold.

And to do this, take four pints of Rain water, into which put ten Drams of Rock Allum, and ten Drams of Quicksilver, of Roman Vitriol, and Salt Gemme, of each an ounce, and a scruple

a ſcruple of Copperas; and theſe boyl together: after put therein a quart of Winegar and Tartar, and common Salt finely beaten to powder, of each three ounces, all theſe incorporate again over a ſoft fire very well, and after occupy the ſame: which maketh a colour like unto Gold.

XXV.

How to have freſh Roſes at all times of the year ſundry wayes taught.

AND firſt, if you will have freſh Roſes at any time, ſo well as in the Month of May, then gather the buds half open in a manner, in the evening, when as the Sun is ſet, and touch them not with thy hand in the gathering, but with a ſharp knife properly gather them, after lay the Roſes upon a Board, letting them to lie abroad in a fair night, all the night through, and then after have in readineſs a new earthen Pot well glazed within and without, into which put the former Roſes before the Sun be up in the morning, and ſtop cloſe the mouth of that Pot with clay, being mixed with

Horse-dung and flocks, all tempered well together before, whereby no air of the Roses may pass or breathe forth. After, set the same pot into the ground, covering it in dry sand; and let no moist place be near or about the same. And now on this wise may you have fresh Roses at any time of the year.

Also, take of the Rose-buds in the spring-time, when they begin first to open, and put those into a green Cane yet growing; cleaving the same by little and little, until you may handsomely put in those buds, and after tye that place with a thred, stopping the same about, that no air breathe out; and after, cover that piece of the Cane or Reed, so bound & stopped about, under the earth, bowing down the same stalk by little and little, that the same break not; and cover the same well with the earth, letting it there remain so long as you list: and when you be minded to have them forth, then cleave the Cane by little and little, that you spoyl not the buds; and after set them in the Sun, or in luke-warm water, and they shall be open and fair in a short space, as in the midst of May.

Also, if you will have dry Roses to become

come fresh, then take a new glazed pot, and wet the same within with Rose-water, and after shut that pot with the Roses very close, letting it so to stand for five days, and they shall be fresh.

XXVI.

How to make Beans and other seeds to grow up in the space of four hours.

And first, to make Beans grow up in an hours space, take the Beans, and put them in hot oyl; let them there remain for eleven days, and after dry them. And when you will make proof of them, then set the Beans, and go to dinner; and by that time you rise again from the table, and go look to on them, you shall find them grown up near a span high. And the like you may do with Gourds.

And now to make the Gourds grow up in the space of four hours, both with leaves and flowers, take the seeds of the Gourd, and let them lie in the blood of a sanguine young man, and let them there remain for Fifteen days, in a moist place, and in a pot well stopped; and after

take them forth, and let them be dried well in the Sun: and when you will sow or plant them, then take a dish-full or two of good earth, and dry the same well; after wet the same with a little fresh water, and after have warm water, powring the same upon this earth until it become sufficient soft, and then plant your seeds in it, and within three or four hours after you shall have Gourds grown up together with leaves and with flowers.

And the like may you do with the Melones, Citrons, and divers other green seeds.

XXVII.

To make a Candle of Ice to burn like unto another Candle.

TO do this make a Candle of Brimstone, which with the Powder of a Coal smeared about, and after in the Winter time drawn the same in water, but cover the head of it with a paper, and after hang the same at the mouth of some gutter which stoppeth fast, whereby it may so be covered with half a finger thick

thicknes of Ice in the morning, and after it is lighted, it will then burn unto the wonder of such as shall see the same. And take pure Wax and fine Brimstone purified, of each alike; melt these together, making thereof a Candle; and after take the powder of a Coal finely beaten, and Brimstone the like in powder, these sift through a Serse or linnen Cloth, and after heating the Candle, smear the said Candle about, so long until it have (as it were) a thick crust round about the same, like unto the thicknes of the back of a Knife: which after cover about the head of it with a Paper, and then hang the same at the mouth of a Gutter, which droppeth fast, until the Ice cover it about a finger thick, then light the same, and it will burn like as if it were all of wax.

XXVIII.

To make flesh seem to crawl full of Wormes.

AND to do this, take Harpe-strings, and cut them into very short peeces, which strow upon Meat, being taken

hot out of the Pot, and these pieces will then move and stir about, like unto living worms.

XXIX.

How to make a light in the night time, that all things round about thy Hall or Parlour shall appear both black and green.

TO do this, take the black juyce or ink of the Fish named Cuttle, and the like quantity of Verdigrease, these mix well together, putting the same into a Lamp, and dipping a weeck in that liquor, then light the same, putting out the other Lights in that room, and then shall all things round about that place, and the walls also, being white, appear both black and green, unto the marvel of such as shall see the same.

XXX.

How to make Roots to have what proper form you will on them.

TO do this, take such green Roots which be big, like as the Bryony-roots,

roots, Radish-roots, and Rape or Navieu-roots, and of any of these Roots carve and cut as you list, and after put the same into the earth, letting it there so long remain, until the same carving be covered with a skin. And on such wise may you make the counterfeit Mandrakes, in fashioning in the Bryony-root, as both Matheolus and Cardane do write, the form of a man, with a Pen-knife; and setting the same Root again into the earth, with the head of the Root turned downward, and a little Barley put under it, which after will cleave and hang fast into the head of the Root, and appear like unto hair growing out of the same.

XXXI.

How to break a stone with the fist, of the thickness of ones hand.

And to do this, first raise the edg of a flat stone upright from a plain board; or rather, from a big smoothe stone, in such sort, that it stand of it self, without any under-bearing or help; and after, with thy fist smite hastily or quickly

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that part standing upright, which falling together flat on the plain board or stone: doth so break in so many pieces. And if the fist be swiftlier smitten, then the end of the stone toucheth the boards in the falling, then is that stroke in vain: and breaketh not the same at that time. And in like manner may Tiles be easily broken with a small and easie stroke of the hand, for that through the weight of the stone in the falling, and help of the quick stroke, it doth of this so lightly break even as it were done with the vehement stroke of a hammer.

XXXII.

To make an Herb to grow, which shall have many savours and tasts.

TO do this, first take one seed of the Lettice, one seed of Endive, one of Smalledg, one of the Basil, one of the Leek, and of the Parsley, all these put together in a hole in such sort, that one seed may touch another: but this remember, that you plant these together in the dung of an Horse or an Ox, without any earth

earth at all with them And then after of these seeds shall grow up one proper herb, which will have so many savours and tasts, as there were seeds sown together.

XXXIII.

How to make sundry devices or Arms or such like in a Rose, Carnation, or Flower-de-luce, or Lilly.

TO do this, take Sal Armoniack, grind the same on a Marble Stone, with fine Vinegar, and a little Sugar-candy, and keep the same in a narrow-necked Pot or Glass, and after take your Rose and dress the Leaves, fastening them with red wax, that they may so lye plain and even: which so done, then take a fine Pensil, with the liquor drawing on the leaves, what proper matter or Arms you list, and after let the same dry of it self, putting upon the leaf-gold, or the leaf-silver, and after pressing it lightly or gently down with Bombals, and that which sticketh not then fast, falleth off in the doing, and so your works will remain trim and fair.

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XXXIV.

To write what you list on a steel Dagger or Knife.

TO do this, take an ounce of Saltpeter, and an ounce of green Copperas; beat these grosly together, and after put the same into a strong bottle of glass, distilling a water of it; which water use on this wise: First, take yellow or red Wax, stretching the same upon the Dagger or Knife, so far as you will draw or write thereupon, unto the thickness of a paper-leaf, and somewhat more; after, draw or write therein what you list, drawing or writing unto the Steel; and then fill the hollow drawing or holes with the distilled water, which within a day and a night will have eaten it sufficiently: And the like may you draw and do on any other piece of Steel.

XXXV.

How to break a new and big Rope, with the hands only.

TO do this, take and fasten the one end of the Cord or Rope, either with

with a nail driven fast into it, or about a strong hook of Iron, and after wind the same three or four times, or oftner, about thy hand, and the other end of the Cord or Rope wind about by the top of the Palm, between the fore-finger and the thumb, that the one part of the Cord may reach unto the Nail, and the head, or other end, unto the bottom of the Palm, by which it must be again winded about, and after that winded again once or twice about. And this so done, then with a vehement pluck and force, assay in the same part by which it is so ober-winded, or run with the Cord, for that the substance of the Cord or Rope which is under, doth defend, that the hand can take no harm by the hasty and strong pull: and take heed that the uttermost fold of the Cord slide not in thy hand. And to conclude, this conceive, that in the mighty and hasty pluck together, the one fold of the Cord doth so cut the other in sunder, and then especially when as that part shall be set soft, which is between the hand and the nail, and that both the hand be strong, and then pluck outright and quick. And now if

you will conceive this order in the winding of the Cord about both the hands, you may so break the same with the only strength of the hands: yea, such strong Cords or Ropes, as will well hold a Bullock or Cow, unto the admiration & wondring of the lookers on.

XXXVI.

How to make white Flowers, like as the Lilly, white Rose, and such like to be red.

TO do this, fill a Pint Pot of the best red Wine unto the middle of it, and within the mouth of the Pot hang the white flowers so deep in, that they touch not the Wine, after cover the mouth of the Pot very close, so that no ayr of the Wine breathe out, and then let it stand for one whole day, and they will after become red of colour. And to make such Flowers that be naturally white to become red, do this, first take gross Earth, drying the same very well in the Sun, that you may after bring the same into a very fine powder, and after put the same earth into a Pot or half

Tub,

Tub, where you mind to plant your white Flowers to become red, and after they be so planted in the Earth, then let them not be watered at any time with any other water than this, which is made on this wise: Take water, putting therein a certain quantity of Brasil finely cut, and boyl the same unto a third part, which water after take, and being through cold, water by little and little the same Earth, as both at morning and evening, and water it at no time with any other water then this, until you see that the same water first have taken effect.

XXXVII.

How to make a hollow Ring to dance by it self, a proper secret.

TO do this, take a Ring round and hollow, into which put Quick-silver, and stop the same fast that it run not forth. After heat the Ring somewhat in the fire, or let it lye neer unto the fire, and being hot, lay the same on a Table or Stool, which by and by after will begin to dance of it self, until it be cold again.

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XXXVIII.

To make Glue to hold together so hard as a stone: a proper Secret.

And to do this, take unslak'd Lime, and quench the same with Wine, and beat the same into fine powder, mixing therewith both Figs and Onions grease, and after labour them well together: for this (as Pliny writeth) passeth the hardness of a stone. Also, take Greek Pitch, Rosin, and the powder of Tyle-stones, these mix together: and when you will occupy of the same, then heat it over the fire, and work therewith: for when the same is cold, it holdeth them together so hard as any nail. Also, take of Spuma ferri one pound, of the Tyle-shers two pound, of unslak'd Lime four pound, of Oyl of Linseed so much as shall suffice to prepare and work them together: for this Glue is marvellous strong, and indeed neither feareth nor yeildeth to water nor fire.

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XXXIX.

How to make an Apple to move on the Table: a proper Secret.

TO do this, take an Apple, and cut the same in the midst; and in the one half make a round hole, putting therein a black Beetle, and so lay the half on the Table, and it will then move.

XL.

To make Roses, and other flowers that be red, to become white.

AND to do this, take Brimstone, beating the same into fine powder; which powder burn on a new Tile-stone, holding such red flowers or Roses over the smoke of it, whiles it so burneth; and they will after become white: And on this wise you may make your Roses half white, and half red; or one leaf white, and another red, by a cap of paper so cut for the nonce.

XLI.

How to write letters on the Egg-shell, that the same letters may appear within on the Egg.

TO do this, take a little quantity both of Gawls and Alom, which work together with Winegar; and after, write with this liquor what you will on the shell; and that dried, lay then the Egg in Urin, or else anoint the Egg about with Wax, unto the thickness of a Paper, or somewhat more; and with a fine Bodkin write deep letters, that the holes may be open, and the letters apparent; into the which holes pour of this liquor; and when the same is dried on the Egg, then seethe the Egg until it be hard; and after, lay the same to soak in sharp Winegar, through the which soaking, the letters will so pass through the shell, that the letters may be easily discerned on the Egg, after the shell is pulled off from it.

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XLII.

How to kill Fleas divers ways.

FIrſt, to gather all the Fleas in thy chamber in one place, anoint a Staff with the greaſe of a Fox, or Hedg-hog, and lay the Staff again where you liſt in your Chamber, and it ſhall ſo gather all the Fleas by it. Alſo, fill a diſh with Goats blood, and ſet the ſame by the bed, and all the Fleas will come to it round about. And the like will they do by the blood of the Hedg-hog. Alſo, take the fat of a Goat, and anoint what you liſt therewith, and ſet the ſame under your bed, and all the Fleas will gather unto the ſame. Alſo, take Lupines or flat Beans, and boyl them in water with Wormwood; and that water ſprinkle well about the Chamber, and all the Fleas ſhall avoid that Chamber. Alſo, take an Apple of Colloquintida, and infuſe the ſame in water, and in that water boyl wormwood; which caſt about the Chamber, killeth all the Fleas. And the like doth the Peach-leaves, or Verdin, or Coliander boiled in water, and ſo caſt about.

XLIII.

How to make a Pot of Glass not to sink in the water: A proper Secret.

TO do this, first fill a Glass Pot full of Water or Wine, unto the Brim; for otherwise it sinketh down, and is drowned in the setting of it in the Water: the reason of which, appeareth by this Demonstration.

Imagine that the Pot be D. whose neck is A. B. C. that vacant part of it A. B. in that A. B. doth bear above water, through the very Air which is contained therein, and the weight of the Glass: A. B. draweth toward the center; and A. B. C. cannot descend by a straight line down, for that it shall labour in vain: And therefore the signifier D, doweth in that D, when as Wine is set in the Water, it resisteth not, and therefore A. B. doth descend, until it come unto the upper face of the Water: but when A B. shall be in the upper

upper face of the water, the part E. is then drowned, in that it is the nether part; and all the neck of the pot.

XLIV.

To make a Bottle or narrow-mouth'd Pot full of Water or Milk, not to spill, or shed forth.

TO do this, take a Bottle or narrow-mouth'd Pot, and fill the same unto the brim; after, cover the mouth with a Paper, and then turn the mouth downward, on the mouth of another Pot, and nothing shall shed forth; as by a trial in filling the one Pot with Milk, and the other, may be seen.

XLV.

How to make a thin Glue, very profitable: a proper Secret.

TO do this, take the Glue made of Fishes, beating the same strongly on an Anvil, until it be thin; which after lay it to soak in water, until it becometh very soft and tender, which will be within five or six hours; and then work it

like paſte, to make ſmall rolls thereof; which when it is like unto paſte, ſtretch it, or draw it out very thin: and when you will work with it, then put of the ſame into an earthen pot, with a little fair water, over hot embers, and ſcum the ſame very clean, and let it ſo ſeethe a little while: after, work with the ſame, keeping it ſtill over the hot embers, until you have done with it; for ſo it faſteneth and bindeth the ſtronger; and in ſuch ſort, that it faſtneth pieces of Glaſs together.

XLVI.

How to draw a Ring off, being very hard thruſt on, and the finger ſwelled.

IF either man or woman hath thruſt a Ring ſo hard on their finger, that he or ſhe cannot draw the ſame off, through the ſwelling of the finger; then thred a needle, and draw the ſame under the Ring, and wind the thred about the thred on the other ſide; and ſo often wind the thred about: and diligently conſider, that the whole joynt and part of the finger,

ger, lying or being between the joynt and the Ring, be covered about with the thred; and that no part of the skin be seen, through the close covering of the thred; and even draw the Needle again under the Ring, and wind the thred likewise about on the other side, & that speedily, whereby the Ring, drawn and removed on the thred by little and little, may so pass over the joynt, and come off. But whilst you are in the doing of this, make no tarrtance or delay, for that the finger doth so lightly swell, that without great pain the Ring cannot be drawn off.

XLVII.

To make fruits, as Apples, Pears, Quinces, and such like, to have what proper form you will on them.

TO do this, counterfeit on a piece of Wood, being in bigness to the fruit which you desire, what form you will: Or else cut Roman or other fashioned letters in it, to express (if you list) some proper words: which so done, then make a mold with Water and Chalk, unto the

thickneſs of thy little finger, the ſame part into juſt the half. And when this mold is dry, (which ſoon drieth) ſeparate then the ſame from the wood with Oyl before. And when you have gotten off the mold from the wood, and parted it in two juſt halfs, then take the ſame mold, and bind it moſt cloſe unto the fruit, being grown unto his half bigneſs, and let it ſo continue until the fruit be come unto his full bigneſs; and then take the mold away, and you ſhall ſee the trial of the former taught.

XLVIII.

How to cut a Glaſs: A proper Secret.

TO do this, ſteep a thred in Oyl and Brimſtone mixt together, and compaſs the Glaſs with the thred, in the place where you would have it parted; and after kindle and light the ſame: and often do thus, until the ſame be hot; and after compaſs the ſame with a thred wet in cold water, and it will part ſo clean aſunder, as if the ſame had been cut with a ſharp pointed Diamond.

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XLIX.

How to walk on the Water.

TO do this, take two little Timbrels, and bind them under the soles of thy feet, and at thy staves end fasten another; and with these you may walk on the water, unto the wonder of all such as shall see the same; if so be you often exercise the same, with a certain boldness, and lightness of the body.

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How to soften Cristal, to imprint what you list: a proper Secret.

TO do this, take the blood of a Lamb, and the blood of a Wether, mixing these together; after, take the Cristal stone, heating it in the fire burning hot, and then quench it in the blood, which after will become as soft as paste: then with a Copper Print work therein what you list; and after set the same abroad in the air, and it will come again unto the former hardness.

LI.

To make a Candle after a strange manner to burn: a proper Secret.

FOr to do this, first make a Weeck of Silk, and infuse the same in the Oyl of Hemp-seed; and when the Weeck shall be sufficiently soaked, roll the same in Snow, until it be of the bignes of a great Candle, whereby it may so be well wrought together; and after light the same,

same, setting it in a stick, and it will give the like light as a Wax-Candle. Also, make a Candle of Purpen Stone and Wax together, about the which roll Snow, and the Snow will burn until it be all wasted. Also, take Snow, and mix therewith the powder of Camphire, and of the same make a Candle, and it will burn being lighted.

LII.

How to draw many Candles the one after the other, being laid a foot distance or more asunder.

For this, take Brimstone, Opiment and Oyl, these labour together, and make thereof an Ointment: after, take so many Candles as may well serve your Table, which lay on the Table a large foot asunder, and all a-row, the one behind the other, as long as you list to lay them; yea, a hundred may you lay down on this wise alength, if you lay them straight; then take a long thred, and anoint the same in this Ointment; which after lay along on the Candles; and after, drawing the Loxemost, all will follow by order.

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LIII.

How to cut an Apple into many pieces, without harming of the skin or paring.

TO do this, take a most fine Needle, with a small thred, and thrust the same by little and little under the paring, and thrust it in again right against the place, until you have so gone round about the outside of the Apple. And this also remember, that you thrust the Needle thorow the paring, at strait corners one against the other of the Apple, and this so often do, until you come again unto the first place where you began.

And if so be you would divide the same in six or eight pieces, then draw the thred again by a like distance, always taking heed to divide the Apple under the skin: And when you have once done with the Apple, and the pieces yet covered with the skin, then draw out the ends of the thred, and you shall after divide the Apple within, without harming of the paring or skin, into so many pieces as you list. And when you

you have thus drawn out, and taking the three quite away, you may keep the Apple so long as you think requisite.

LIV.

How to make a cup of Glass, being set in the fire, not to burn.

And to do this, take what Cup or Pot of Glass you list, and seethe the same in common Oyl, by the space of five hours; and after take it forth, and it will be then made so strong, that the said Cup of Glass, or Pot, will endure the heat of the fire.

LV.

How to make Quick-silver in a manner so hard as Silver.

And to do this, take the strongest Winegar, and whites of Eggs, well beaten together; and three Ounces of Quicksilver, unto one of the other: these first distil together in a Limbeck well luted, and in that distilled water put the Quick-silver, and it will be after so hard, that you may work it with the hammer.

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Also take Quick-silver, and wash it in the distilled water of mans blood; and every time you wash the same, let it dry, and in the end it will come to be so hard as silver.

LVI.

A pretty Conceit, how to catch Fowls without a Net.

TO do this, take Arsenick, putting the same in water, and in that water boyl Wheat, or any other grain, and cast the same forth unto Fowls; and so many as eat thereof, will not be able afterward to fly away. And take the juyce of Celidons, and infuse wheat in the same, letting it there remain for three days: after, give the same to Fowls to eat; and such as eat thereof, you may after take with the hand. Also, take wheat, putting it in wine-lees, and let the same remain there eight days: after that, put it into the juyce of Celandine and Hore-hound to steep; which so done, then give of the same unto the Fowls to eat; and such as eat thereof, cannot fly away.

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LVII.

To make a Candle to be marvelled at: A proper Secret.

AND to do this, take four ounces of salt Nitre, six ounces of fine Frankinsense, three ounces of Brimstone, six ounces of Oyl, and six ounces of the milk of Caputia: all these beat fine, and mix together: After, take three ounces of Wax, and make them a Candle of all together; in the end of which Candle, stick deep a needle, and after set the same in a narrow-mouth'd glass full of water, and you shall see after what the same will do.

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LVIII.

How to see many wondrous and strange signs in an Urinal.

AND to see these, take a new and clean-washed Urinal, into which pour either clean water, or other running water: after, take the white of a new-laid Egg, and a little Saffron, binding it in a clean linnen cloth: after that, pour a little of the water into a dish, and put the cloth with the Saffron into it, so long until it have coloured it somewhat: and being on this wise, then beat the white of the Egg with this water seven or eight times with thy finger, and then pour the same into the Urinal, and you shall after see in it Towers, Castles, Hills, and many other strange sights.

LIX.

How to make a Loaf of bread, new set upon the Table, to leap off.

TO do this, take a Quill, filling the same with Quick-silver, and stopping

ping it close, thrust the same after into a hot Loaf, new drawn out of the Oven, and the Loaf will by and by dance upon the Table.

LX.

How to make an Egg flee about: a merry Conclusion.

TO do this, take a Goose-Egg, and after the opening and cleansing of it, take a Bat that fleeth in the Evening, which put into the shell, then glue it fast about on the top, and the Bat will flie away with it, which perhaps will be thought of some to fly about in the air it self.

LXI.

How to make artificial Fire divers Ways, which will seem marvellous.

AND first, to make a flame of fire to pass suddenly out of the mouth of a pot full of water, take an Egg, making a hole in the head, and draw out all the substance of the same: which so done,

then fill the same with the powder of Brimstone and unslak'd Lime mixed together, shutting the mouth with Clay, and so let it fall to the bottom of a Quart pot full of water, taking quickly your hand away, and suddenly will issue forth a flame out of the mouth of the pot. And also, if thou wilt spit fire out of thy mouth without pain, and to do thee no harm, take the powder of the Willow stick, finely beaten and serced, with the which form a little new Silk, making it round up, like unto a ball, into which put this powder, wrapping the Silk well about it, and after, put within it, with the powder, a little fine Flax, and then properly stitch it up round about: which so done, then cut it open a little on the one side, putting a quick coal or a light Candle unto it, to set it on fire a little: then put it again into thy mouth, holding the same softly with thy Teeth: and turning also the part cut inward in thy mouth, and when thou wilt spit fire out, then hold the ball strongly in thy mouth, and blow, and the lookers on shall see then a great Flame issue forth of thy mouth, and do thee no harm at all. Also, to make fire flie up in

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the air. Take Tow, and wet the same in Aqua vitæ; and after put fire to it, and blow the same away, which after will flie up in the air, and burn.

LXII.

How to know a natural Precious Stone from a counterfeit.

TO do this, rub the same on Lead; and if it change the colour, then it is counterfeit; if it change not, then it is a natural Stone. Also, if the Stone have like unto a Bladder within, then it is counterfeit.

LXIII.

How to make a Man to appear on a flame burning, without any harm.

FOr to do this, take Brimstone, Orpiment, and common Oyl; of these make an Ointment, with the which anoint thy Garments all about, and thy head and hands, and after light the same, and it will burn all at once, without harm. Also, take juyce of Adders tongue,

the juyce of March-Mallows, or other Mallows, and the white of an Egg; these mixt together, anointing therewith all about thy body; and then cast the fine powder of Brimstone on the same, setting it over a fire, and it will strangely burn, and yet neither harm hands nor garments which shall be anointed therewith.

LXIV.

A new conceited Conclusion, to make a Chamber as light by night as by day.

TO do this, take that part which shineth of the Night-worm, and bruise them well; which after let in hot Horse-dung in a Glass stopped, and let it there so stand for fifteen days; and after distil the same in a Limbeck of Glass, with a soft fire: the which water so drawn, stop close in a narrow-neck'd Pot of Christal-Glass, and hang the same in the entry of the house, and it will so give a very bright light.

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LXV.

How to make two Dogs fight together: a proper Secret.

TO do this, take the Declifset of the Wolf, and cast the same between two Dogs; and they shall so long fight together, as they lie there between them: and when you will have them to cease fighting, then take them away.

LXVI.

How to make a Bitch that she shall not desire to be covered with any Dog.

AND to do this, take Bees, and prepare them overly, which after give unto the Bitch with bread, or with meat, and she will not after suffer any Dog to touch her.

LXVII.

How to cast forth any Worm or Snake entred within the body.

AND to do this, boil the herb Wall over a soft fire, in Vinegar; which so

boiled, give unto the patient to drink, and it shall cast the same up forthwith. And if the same be a Snake entred within the body, then you may take writing Ink, and good Wine, mixing them together, which after drink, and it will cast up whatsoever shall be in the body.

LXVIII.

How to make a blown Bladder to dance and skip about from place to place.

TO do this, put Quick-silver in a Bladder, and lay the Bladder in a hot place, and it will after skip from place to place, without handling.

LXIX.

How to make a Hen to run away with great fear.

TO do this, take the head of a Kite, and tie the same about a Hens neck, and she shall never cease running here and there until you have taken away the same from her neck; and when you will take the same from her neck, she will then move from you nothing at all.

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LXX.

How to find a person drowned, that hath been sought for.

TO do this, take a white loaf, and cast the same into the water, neer the suspected place, and it will forthwith go directly over the dead body; and there still abide; by which you may well find the dead body.

LXXI.

How to deal with Iron many ways right profitable

FIrst, to make Iron as soft as paste, take Vitriol, and salt Petre, of each alike, beating these to powder; which after distil in a Limbeck of Glass; and in this Water lay your small pieces of Iron for a day and a night; which after cover in hot Horse-dung for fifteen days, and the same will become very soft, like unto paste: and with the same Iron you may make Seals, or Grave, or otherwise imprint what you list on Iron, so easily as into Earth: and you may also beat and

work the same Iron so easily as Lead. Also, make a Water of Roch-Allom, as is abovesaid, and in the same water quench your Iron seven times, and it will make the Iron so easily break as Glass, and to make powder thereof. Also, quench the Iron in the dung of an Ox or Cow, tempered with honey, oftentimes, and it will become so soft, that you may work the same like Lead, with the hammer. Also take salt Armoniack well beaten, and mix the same with unslak'd Lime, and mix the same with cold water, like unto a thick Broth, and in this water temper the Iron, and it shall after become white, fair, and very strong. Also, take the juyce of the herb named Palma Christi, and with the same anoint thy hands; and thou maist after handle Iron fire-hot without harm. And the like may you do with the juyce of Hemlock.

Also take red Arsenick, and red Allom, of each alike; these grind into fine powder, mixing the same with the juyce of Syngreen, or Houle-leek, and the Gall of a Bull, and anoint thy hands with the same; and thou maist after handle burning Iron, and anointing thy feet, thou maist go on

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hot Grates of Iron, or Coles, without any danger.

LXXII.

To light a Candle at the mouth of an Image painted on the wall.

TO do this, take and put Brimstone to the mouth of an Image, and take a burning Candle, and blow it out; and ere the weeck be out, set it to the Images mouth and it will burn. And so ye may do against a Glass.

LXXIII.

To take Fish by night.

TAke a Lanthorn of Glass, and put a burning Candle in it, and set the Lanthorn on the water, and the Fishes will come to light. Or else take Nettles and House-leek, and make juyce of them, and put it in a Pond, and all the Fishes will gather there: and if your hands be anointed therewith, you may take them at your pleasure.

Hot

LXXIV.

How to make no Dog shall bark at you.

TAke an Herb called Serpentine, and by vertue thereof, no Dog shall bark at you.

LXXV.

How to make Birds come to your Culver-house.

CAst Barley steeped in Honey, where they do feed, and they will gather to your Culver-house.

LXXVI.

An Excellent Conclusion, how to put an Apple into a Vial.

HAng the Vial on the twig of an Apple-tree, and put a young Apple in the mouth of the Vial, and it will grow therein. And so ye may do with Grapes, or other fruit.

How

LXXVII.

How to put an Egg into a Vial.

STeep the Egg two days and two nights in Vinegar, and then boil it on a Table softly, and it will stretch as Wax; and then may you put it in the Vial, or draw it through a Ring.

LXXVIII.

To make folk seem black.

PUt Oyl Olive in a Lamp, and put thereto fine powder of ground Glass, and light it; and all that be above it, will seem black as Egyptians.

LXXIX.

To prove if a Maiden be clean.

BUrn Mother-wort, and let her take the smoak thereof in at her nose, and if she be corrupt, she shall presently piss, or else not. Otherwise take gray Nettles while they be green, and let her piss on them, if she be no Maiden, they will wither forthwith, otherwise not.

To

LXXX.

To know if a sick person shall die, or not.

TAke gray Nettles while they be green, and put them into the Patients Urin: and if they remain green, he shall live; and if they wither, not.

LXXXI.

To make Salt-water Fresh.

TAke Clay, and put it into a bag, and strain it through until it be clear, and it will be fresh.

LXXXII.

To see as well by night as by day.

ANoint your eyes with the Blood of a Bat, and by this means you may effect your desire.

LXXXIII.

To kindle fire at the Sun.

TAke a very bright Bason, and put a new Looking-glass therein, and set the

the Bacon in the hottest Sun, and lay about it very dry Mow, small chopped, and the Mow will take fire with the heat of the Sun.

LXXXIV.

To make flesh cleave in the Pot.

TAke Dwall or Nightshade, and stamp it well, and put it in the Pot with meat, and the meat will cleave together.

LXXXV.

An easie way to take Birds.

PUt Barley in the juyce of Rue, and Winegar, and cast it where the Birds do haunt or come, and as soon as they have eaten it, they cannot flye: and then ye may easily take them.

LXXXVI.

To make Silk-worms.

TAke the brain of a Calf, and put it in a pit of Water, and let it lie three weeks, and then will breed of the brain, and ye may feed them with Mulberries.

How

LXXXVII.
How to take away Hairs.

ANoint the rough place with the blood of a Bat, after that it is shaven; and hair shall never grow there.

LXXXVIII.
To fatten Hens or Capons.

MAke a deep pit in the earth, and make therein a bed of Dung, and a bed of Nettles; and so fill it be full, and there keep your Pullen, till the Herbs begin to grow; and then let them out: and within a short while, they will be very fat.

LXXXIX.
That one shall not be drunk.

DRink the juyce of Parrow, fasting, and ye shall not be drunk for no drink; And if ye were drunk, it will sober you. Or else eat the Parrow of Pork fasting, and by this means ye shall not be drunk.

To

XC.

To make a good Bait for Fish, at all seasons of the year.

TAke wheat-flower, and Tallow of a new slain Sheep, and the glaire of an Egg, and beat them all together, and batt them all therewith.

XCI.

How to make an Egg go up to a Spears end.

EMpty the Egg at a little hole, and fill it full of May-dew, and stop the hole close with a little Wax and Parchment glued, that the dew go not out. Then stick a spear in the earth, in the heat of the Sun, and lay the Egg by the Spear, and it will mount to the top thereof, by the heat of the Sun.

XCII.

To make Pottage run out of the Pot.

TAke Lope, and cast thereof into the Pot, and it will run over.

To

XCIII.
To make Fish or Flesh seem raw.

TAke the blood of a Mat, or of a Kid, and dry it, and keep it from the air, then cast on Fish or Flesh that is hot, and it will seem raw.

XCIV.
To kill Hens and Ducks.

CAst to them the seed of Henbane, and (having eaten thereof) they will fall down as they were dead.

XCV.
How to make Coles to burn a great while.

MAke powder of St. Johns Wort; and when the Coles are wasted, and the fire near out, cast it thereon, and let it lie.

XCVI.
Ad capiendum pisces.

REcipe luce Mullage, vel scolares fortas collectum circa mediam Maii.

Maii. Quando Luna ſit plena, diſtemperata cum nigro ſale, & ſerva in Olla terrea, & quando vis occupare, unge manus tuas, & lava in aqua vel loco ubi ſunt Piſces.

XCVII.

That a man ſhall not be weary of going.

DRink of the juyce of Mugwort, and bear the herb about him, with the herb Pepelton and Crawfoot.

XCVIII.

To make Yarn and linnen cloth become white.

TAke a Herring barrel, and fill it nigh full of good Ale-dregs, and ſtop it faſt, but ye muſt have a good diſh-ful of parcht beans, and put them in a linnen bag, and very hot put them to the dregs, till they be cool, and ſhut it faſt, for the ſpace of a quarter of an hour. Then take two pound of Allom, ground to ſubtil powder, and caſt it therein, and let it lie four days naturally well cloſed; then waſh your Yarn,

XCIX.

To make that a horse may not go thorow a street.

TAke the guts of a Wolf, and lay them overthwart the street, and cover them with earth or sand, and he will not go that way as long as the guts do lie there. Probatum est.

C.

To know if a Woman be with a Man-child, or not.

TAke a dish, and put water in it, and then let her milk her breast into the water; and if it be a Man-child, it will float; and if it be a Woman-child, it will sink.

CI.

An easie Experiment to ease thy feet for going.

ADo to do this; take the leaves of Plantine, and stampt them well, and strain them, or otherwise preserve the juyce

fayes thereof, and anoint your feet therewith, and it will remove away the grief. Also, upon the going of any great journey, if you put within each of your shoes or boots a leaf of Plantine, it will both cool and refresh your feet, and likewise make you hold out mainly in travel.

CII.

To preserve your Teeth fair, white, and clean.

FOr the fair and neat keeping of the Teeth, take Barley-meal, Honey, and Salt, and mingle them together, and use therewith to rub your Teeth at sundry times, especially in the Morning; and (by this means) they shall become very fair and white.

CIII.

An easie Device to take Fleas.

ANoint a Pot with the grease of a Back, and set the same on your Bed, and all the Fleas will gather thereunto. Or else the grease of a Goupil, and anoint the place of the house therewith where

ye would have them come, and they will be drawn thither. Or else take leaves of Dan, and lay them under your Coverlet, or where ye will; and when they be among the leaves, they cannot come away by any means.

CIV.

How to make abundance of Nails or other pieces of Iron, to hang one upon the other by the Loadstone.

FIrst take a Nail, and knock it a little way into a Beam; then touch the head with a Loadstone, then put the point of another Nail to that, and it will hang. Then touch the second Nail on the head, and put to the point of a third; and so you may do till you come to the ground, let the beam be never so high, to the great admiration and amazement of all the beholders. This conclusion, and natural dependency, may be further amplified and extended with other several pieces of Iron or Steel, which have only formerly been touched with the Loadstone, whence cometh their contingency.

How

CV.

How with a Loadſtone to make pieces delivered from your hand on a Shovel-board, to be Deuces or Trays at pleaſure.

YOu muſt have Pieces of your own, in which you muſt drive points of Needles, and then break them off ſmooth and neat: Then at the end of the Table (cloſe by the Box underneath) cover a Loadſtone and there your Pieces will reſt. But be ſure then you do throw as neer the Tables end as you can: ſo ſhall you with the more convenience and the leſs ſuſpition effect your deſire.

CVI.

A new Receit for a Cook, how, with one Spit, and with one equal fire, to keep one Capon raw, the ſecond to boyl, and the third to roaſt.

PRovide a long Spit, and put thereon three Capons, Chickens, Pidgeons, or what you pleaſe, (only three) then

make a long fire, and lay them thereto, and let one turn the Spit: Then, on that you would keep raw, pour continually cold water; and on that you would boyl, pour scalding liquor; and that which you would desire to roll, baste it with Butter, and so bread it.

As by this Figure is more plainly declared, thus:

Let A. be the raw Capon, whereon pour cold water. Then let B. be the boiled Capon, on which pour scalding liquor. And let C. be the rosted; which expose to the fire, and baste with Butter. This is (being punctually performed) a very pretty secret. But be sure you have in readiness provided several pans or vessels to receive each basting or liquor by it self.

To

CVII.

To make one that they shall not sleep, or to sleep when you please.

IF you lay the heart of a Crow or Bat upon a party you would not have to sleep, the said party shall take but little rest. Also, the head of a Bat brought to powder, and bound to the right arm, doth the like. But if you put the same upon the Stomack of one that is asleep, it is said that the party will not awake till it be taken away.

CVIII.

How (by a new Secret) to make a pair of Bowls to lie as neer the Jack as you please.

DIvers men peg, and put in pegs of Lead into their Bowls on their wheeling or running side: Now in stead of those leaden pegs, knock in points of nails, or else hazle-nail heads very neat and handsome, so that it doth not make the Bowl to rub.

Then in the toe of your shooe (before hand) put a piece of a Leaden foot, and then throw your Bowl as neer the Jack as you can: when the Bowl is out of your hand, run before it, with that foot draw before your Bowl, and it will follow it: then, where you would have it lie, quickly take away your foot, and there the Bowl rests.

CLX.

An excellent Experiment to make Artificial Gloves.

TAke what certain quantity you will of the finest Gum-Dragant, and infuse it in Rose-water: then strain it, and beat it in a Mortar with a little fine serced Sugar: then take of the powder of Cloves, and beat it amongst your paste; and when it is somewhat stiff, take it forth, and roll it somewhat small, to the form of Cloves. and likewise cut them to the length of Cloves: Then take a knife, and cross the heads, and print them with natural Cloves: and being so in the right form of Cloves, dry them in your Oven or Stove, and serve them.

CX.

A rare Device to make a Walnut, that when you crack it, there shall be Biskets or Caraways in it, or a Posie written in a Paper

TAke a quantity (as you think meet) of Paste-royal, white, being beaten with Gum Dragant, and mix it with a little fine serced Cinamon, and that will bring your Paste to the right colour of the Walnut-shell: then roll it thin; and having a mold of a Walnut-shell which is in two halfs, print it therein, and being molded before, put what you please therein, and so close it up, and dry it; and when you are disposed, present them thus formed to any company of your friends, or strangers, at your pleasure. This Device will seem marvellous to all who are not by their own usual practice and profession inured to the forming and moulding of sundry Devices and Experiments of this rare and strange nature.

CXI.

A neat Conclusion, whether a Man and Woman shall marry or not.

TAke the number of the Mans name, and three; and likewise of the Womans, and divide them asunder by Nine: if the mans name exceeds the womans, they shall marry, otherwise not.

CXII.

A Conceit to find whether of the marr[illegible] Couple die first.

TAke the number of the Marriage-day, as what day of the Month it was, and the number of the Sign that the Moon was in on that day: Then divide these by Thirty, and if the number remaining be even, the Woman shall dye first, else not.

CXIII.

An approved Perfume.

TAke Rose-water and Vinegar, of each a like quantity as you please, where-

wherunto likewise put a proportionable quantity of Bay-leaves, and Cloves, and let these boil all together in a Pot, or rather in a Perfuming-pan, and this will yeeld about the house a most excellent savour, and sweet perfume.

CXIV.

A pretty Conclusion, to find out whether a man shall win or lose at play.

MArk the name of the Man, and one for the place on the one party, and the number of the day, and the age of the Moon on the other party: Divide each number by Nine, and if the Mans number exceed the other, he winneth, or else not.

CXV.

To make Steel or Crystal soft.

TAke a quantity of unquenched Lime, and as much Soap-ashes, and thereof make a Lie after this manner. Strain it thorow a Strainer nine times: then take your Steel or Crystal, and lay it therein for

for a night and day, and it will be soft: if you will have it hard again, quench it suddenly in cold water.

CXVI.

How to set a vernish or colour on Iron or Steel.

And to do this, take the gall of a Calf, and after let your Steel or Iron be clean vernished over: then take the gall, and stick it thereon with a cloth; and so let it dry well in the Sun, and it will appear plain like a Gold-colour.

CXVII.

A pretty Device, shewing how to gild upon Iron or Steel.

And to effect this, take a quantity of Wine-stone, with as much Sal Armontack, and the like of Verdigrease and some Salt; then seeth all together in White-wine: then strike all over your burnished metals; let it burn into the same, and ye may gild thereon with common gold.

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CXVII.

An artificial Experiment, to cast Sugar into the form of either Birds or Beasts, in what posture you are disposed.

TO effect this secret, take to what quantity you will of the finest Sugar, being clarified, and boil it until it will pull betwixt your fingers: Then take your molds, being dry, having lain in water two hours before, and stop them close with lome or paste, lest the Sugar should come forth; and then cooling your Sugar a little, pour it into your Molds, and let it so stand until it be fully cooled: Then open your Molds, of what form soever; and having taken them forth, you shall find them strikē per according to the figure of your mold whether of Man, Bird, or Beast, &c. So you may, for further ornament, afterward gild or paint them, and so prefer them to the service of your friends, at any Feast or Banquet, or otherwise bestow them in gifts, as you shall find best occasion of their acceptance.

CXIX.

A very useful Secret for the making of divers Inks.

1. For the Golden Ink.

Take Cystal beaten, and temper it with the white of an Egg, and write; and when it is dry, rub it over with a gold Ring.

2. For Silver Ink.

Take Black-lead, temper it with Gum-water, and write upon a black Paper; and when it is dry, wipe it with a linnen cloth, and it will shine like Silver.

3. For Yellow Ink.

Take Saffron and Argil, and temper them with Gum-water, and it will appear a perfect Yellow.

4. For Green Ink.

Take Verdigrease and Argil, grind them together on a Marble Stone with a Spatula, then temper it, and it will produce a perfect green colour.

To

CXX.

To make one speak in their sleep whatsoever you would demand.

TAke the tongue of a water-frog, and lay it upon the head of one that is asleep, and it causeth them to speak in their sleep. Also the heart of a Toad, or night-Crow, or the fat of a Bats put upon the breast of one that is sleeping, causeth them to tell whatsoever shall be demanded of them: whereby pretty sport may be raised to the demainder and others, when the party is awaken.

CXXI.

An easie Conclusion for the making of Gum water.

TAke to the quantity of a dish full of fair water from the Conduit, and put therein one handful of Gum, and let it stand three days, after which, temper it well; and when you have occasion to make use thereof, you shall find it perfect to your desire.

To

CXXII.

How to make a Thief afraid to come into you house.

IT is credibly reported, that the Gall of a Cow hid in some privy or unknown place, will fear and astonish any that shall adventure to approach that place.

CXXIII.

How to cast a perfect Silver colour upon any Copper.

TAke of Mind-stone, of Allom, and of Salt, of each a like quantity, then grind them all together on a Painters stone; and withal, put thereto a leaf of Silver, and so grind it well with the rest of your stuff: Having so done, put it in a Leaden pot of Earth, and therein put likewise your Copper a little while: then scrape it with a Wyer brush, and you shall see the strange alteration thereof. But in case it come not upon the first view to its perfect change, you must let it lie a while longer therein, till it cometh to a more absolute colour of Silver.

CONCLUSIONS.

CXXIV.

A sportive Conclusion, to make a whole Herd of Cattel to flee from you in a Field, or follow you when you please.

If thou passest at any time thorow the Field, having about thee either a Cloak or Coat, approaching before a Herd of Cattel, suddenly stoop down fearfully, and turn backward unto them, and they will flee from you, as so many Lambs from a Wolf: but presently again change your posture, and walk upright, and they will all follow you with wonder: But do the like again, (as before) and they will still be startled therewith, till you surcease, and leave them. This you may do to the fiercest Bull, Cow, Ox, and Oxen.

CXXV.

To make Hair shine like Gold.

Take Colewort stalk, dry them, and burn them, and with their ashes make a Lye, and wash therewith your hair.

CXXVI.

How to make a Receit, that neither Rat nor Mouse shall eat organs of your Cheese.

The Weasel, the Rat, and Mouse, are at mortal deadly hatred one with the other, so that, if you put the brain of a Weasel into the Victuals or Curds whereof you intend to make your Cheese, neither Rats nor Mice will ever come to take any thereof.

CXXVII.

A very easie and merry conceit to keep off Fleas from your Beds or Chambers.

This respecteth, that if when you first hear the Cuckow, you mark well where your right foot standeth, and take up of the earth, the Fleas will by no means breed, either in your House or Chamber, where any of the Dust shall be sprouted or scattered.

CXXVII.

How to make of paper a Bird, Frog, or other artificial creature, to creep on the ground, flee, or run upon a wall or past.

TAke a piece of Paper, and cut it with a knife or sizers into the form of the figure before, (or what other you please) then take a little piece of Wax, Pitch, or other glutenous stuff; and on the backside, where you see the letter A, plat it: Then warm it at the fire, and stick thereon a Flie, Beetle, or what other such small pliable creature you shall think fit: and you shall hereupon behold a very pretty conceited motion, with content sufficient, and a kind of pleasant admiration.

CXXIX.

How to make a pretty Sport amongst Ducks, Hens, or other Poultrey.

FOr the effecting of this Conceit, take a piece of Lyzed about some two foot long, and at the one end thereof, tye a little piece of Red cloth, or of some other colour that is light; then, at the other end, tie a piece of the paring of Cheese so big as they may well swallow, and throw it amongst them, with other meat, and they that take it down, (as one of them will) will thereby make pretty Sport.

CXXX.

A way to make Discord or Peace between any Parties.

MAny learned Authors do relate of the strange operation which is to be found in the stone of a mad Dog, and how the same, being put into drink, is said to move a great Dissention between those Parties who shall happen to drink thereof. The like (on the contrary part) may

may be averred concerning the validity which consisteth in the heart and brains of the Turtle-dove, viz. that if any do in their drink or otherwise partake of either, they shall thereby be inclined to peace, and moved with true affection.

CXXXI.

How to make a sportive Conclusion with a Cat, by putting her into a small Washing-bowl in a Pond, Thames, or other River.

BRing forth a small Washing-bowl, and put therein a Cat: then shove the Bowl and Cat into a great Pond, the Thames, or other River, (in a calm) when you have so done, manage your Spaniels or other Dogs that will take the water, or be apt to bait a Cat, and you shall have dainty sport: For the Dogs with their feet will turn the bottom of the Bowl upwards, the Cat being in the water, will still flee to her little Pinnace the first boarded, namely, the Washing-bowl, betwixt which will appear a terrible Seafight in fresh water.

CXXXII.

How to make a pretty house-sport with a Cat.

CAtch your Cat, and take a Hawks bell, or the like: then tye a thred to the bell; and about half an inch from the bell, tie a knot: then bind it fast to the end of her tail, and let her loose; whereby you shall see pretty sport.

Also you may take Walnut-shels, when the kernels are out, and put therein a little crum of Pitch, and warm them against the fire: then shoo her on all her four feet: Then put her into a dark room and she will never rest quiet, but keep her self a trampling, that the noise thereof, to those that only hear, not knowing what you have done, will seem strange, and indeed delectable.

CXXXIII.

How to make a Cat to pis out the fire.

TAke a Cat, and with a glove on your hand, hold all her four feet together: then

then hold her head fast between your leggs: when you have so done, go to the fire, and hold up her tail, and you shall see her spout forth presently.

CXXXIV.

How a Wager may be laid, that a Cat shall draw a simple fellow over a Pond, Moat, &c.

TAke a Rope, and tie it about the fellows middle very fast: then get the other end of the Rope on the other side of the Pond: when you have so done, tie the Cat with a small packthred to the Rope. Now you must imagine, that the Rope must reach a good way from the Cat, and put it through some bushes or weeds, behind which you must have two or three Confederates, (so that the fellow see them not) Then, when all is ready, one must whip or beat the Cat, and then your Confeds must pull the Rope quickly over: and when he is come to the shore, they may soon convey themselves away; for he will have small mind to eye them.

CXXXV.

An approved artificial Conclusion for the making of Paste-royal, white.

TAke of your finest Gum-Dragant, and infuse it in Rose-water; which (being dissolved) strain it through a fine linnen cloth and beat it with a little fine serced Sugar; it will require beating the longer, because by this means it grows the whiter: when it is grown somewhat stiff, (as it will do by adding Sugar unto it) then take it forth, and put it in your Moulds very thin, and dry it in your Stove, and you will find it useful for best occasions.

CXXXVI.

Of an Herb which will make one to be very forgetful.

SOme do write, that there is a Tree or Herb called Lotos, that if any do eat the fruit thereof, they shall quite forget all sorrow; nay, it will make them forget their own Country and birth.

How

CXXXVII.
How to drive away all Inchantments, or Witchcraft.

ALL Beasts do naturally detest the female Pimpernel, but not the male, as sundry Authors affirm. And it is credibly witnessed, that this Pimpernel, laid under the threshold of the door, driveth away all manner of Inchantments and Witchcraft.

CXXXVIII.
How you may serve a Tapster such a trick, that he shall not be able to froth his Cans or Jugs.

PRovide but in readiness the skin of a Red-Herring, and at some time or other, when the Tapster is absent, do but rub a little on the inside of his Pots, Cans, or Juggs, and he shall not in any wise be able to froth them for a long time after, although he would. This is a Conceit to cozen the Tapster, when he would cozen you.

How

CXXXIX.

A natural means to preserve your house in safety from Thunder and Lightning.

An ancient Author recited (among divers other experiments of Nature which he had found out) that if the herb Houseleek or Syngreen do grow on the house top, the same house is never stricken with Lightning or Thunder.

CXL.

A good Drink for Travellers, or such like, when they shall happen to want either Ale or Beer in their Inn.

Take a quart of good fair Water, and put into the same some half a Dozen spoonfuls of Wine-vinegar or, for failing as much Aqua vitæ, a little Sugar, Borage, Tyme, and Rosemary: then brew them well together out of one pot into another, and you shall find it a good and wholesome drink, especially in Summer.

How

CXLI.

How to keep Beer or Ale from sowring in the heat of Summer, or when it beginneth to be dead.

TAke Mugwort, and put it into Ale or Beer in the heat of Summer, so that you put in a quantity according to the proportion of your Drink: for the greater quantity requireth also the greater quantity of this Mug-wort.

Otherwise, put a handful or two of Oatmeal, or else of ground Malt, into your vessel of Ale or Beer, and afterward stir the same well together, and let it settle a little, and it will become fresh. Or else put into the vessel the roots of Irees, Organy, and Barberries.

CXLII.

How to take Crows, Kites, Magpies, or Jackdaws, alive.

TAke any piece of raw Flesh, or Liver of a Beast, and slice it into small morsels, that they may swallow it: then take

take the powder or slices of Nux vomica, and (making holes in the flesh) put it into the same, and lay it where they haunt; and presently after they have eaten of it, they will take to a tree as soon as they can, and suddenly totter and fall down; where you may with your hands easily take them: but they will quickly recover again.

CXLIII.

To hang a Gourd, Cucumber, or great Apple up in your house, that you may have Wheat, Barley, Rye, or Pease to grow out thereof.

TAke a Gourd, Cucumber, or great Apple, and with a skewer or Butchers pick, make holes therein a little way, and in those holes put the slender ends in of Wheat, Barly, or Rye, so that they may be buried: Then take a Packthred or Brown thred, and tie it cross the Gourd, and so hang it up in your house, and in short time, your seed of these several sorts will sprout and grow forth, and for the Conceit seem very rare.

How

CXLIV.

How to find out a delusion of the Vintners, in mixing Water with their Clarets and Whites, or Honey with their other Sweet Wines.

IF you suspect your French Wines (as Clarets or Whites) to be mingled with Water, which you may partly perceive, by the thinness about the verge or brink of the Glass; the best way to find out the delusion thereof, is, to put a Pease pared into the Glass; and if it doth swim aloft upon the Wine, it is a pregnant evidence that the Wine is perfect and unmingled, but if it sink to the bottom, then of a certain Water is mingled therewith.

If you likewise have any suspition of your Sweet Wines, (as Canaries, Malligoes, &c.) that they should be mingled with Honey; you may find out the trick in this manner: Take a few drops of the Wine, and pour them on a hot place of Iron, and the Wine will soon dissolve, but the Honey remain and thicken.

CXLV.

To preserve a man from being drunk, or make a drunken man to become sober again.

HE that will preserve himself from being drunk, let him drink, in a morning fasting, Sallet oyl; or eat the marrow of Pork fasting.

Otherwise, if a man (being drunk) would become sober, let him eat Colewortz, or drink a good draught of Vinegar, or wash his privy members therewith.

The virtue of a rare Cose that is to be found but one hour in the day, and one day in the year.

DIvers Authors affirm concerning the verity and virtue of this Cose, viz. That it is only to be found upon Midsummer Eve (being the Eve of Saint John the Baptist) just at noon, under every root of Plantain and of Pugwort, The effects whereof are wonderful, for whosoever weareth or beareth the same about

about with them, shall be freed from the Plague, Feber, Ague, and sundry other diseases. And one Author especially writeth, and constantly averreth, that he never knew any that used to carry of this marvellous Cole about them, who ever were (to his knowledg) sick of the Plague, or (indeed) complained of any other Malady.

FINIS.

There is lately printed for *Edward Brewster* at the Crane in *Paul's* Church-yard, two very useful Books of Mr. *Thomas Ford*, late Minister in *Exon*.

ΑΥΤΟΚΑΤΑΚΡΙΤΟΣ, *Or, The Sinner condemned of himself: being a Plea for God, against all the Ungodly, proving them alone guilty of their own Destruction; and that they shall be condemned at the great Day of Account, not for that they lacked, but only because they neglected the means of their Salvation. And also, Shewing, how fallacious and frivolous a Pretence it is in any, to say, They would do better, if they could, when indeed all men could, and might do better, if they would.*

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΑΥΤΟΠΙΣΤΟΣ, *Or Scriptures Self-evidence: To prove its Existence, Authority in it Self, and sufficiency (in its kind) to ascertain others, That it is Inspir'd of God to be the* Only rule of Faith.

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